GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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INCOMPLETE IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Comptroller and Auditor General (C & AG) in its report No. 15 of 2004 has brought out that physical performance of programme has not been commensurate with the financial progress;

(b) if so, whether none of the 172 projects selected for funding could be completed as targeted;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether envisaged irrigation potential of 10,042th ha, the potential created was only 2, 839. 752th ha; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not creating the envisaged irrigation potential?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The report of the CAG of India (No.15 of 2004) for the year ending March, 2003 has mentioned that the physical performance of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) programme has not been commensurate with the financial progress.

(b) to (e) Out of 172 irrigation projects receiving Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), 25 irrigation projects have been reported complete by various State Governments till March, 2003. The irrigation potential created from the projects under AIBP upto March, 2003 was about 2195.986 thousand hectare. The main reasons for delay in completion of irrigation projects and creation of envisaged irrigation potential are delay in land acquisation of both private and forest land, contractual problems, litigations, law & order problem by way of public agitation and delay in transfer of funds from State Finance Department to the Project Authorities.